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- A return postcard.
- An Amendment and Response (6 Pages).
- Clean Version of Abstract (1 pg.).
- Clean Version of the Title (1 pg.).
- Gouli et al., Biochem. Internat., 21, 685 (1990) (11 pgs.).

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Title

Please amend the title as follows:

[USE OF PASSIVE] MYOSTATIN [IMMUNIZATION] IMMUNOCONJUGATE

In the Abstract

Please substitute the Abstract in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Abstract" for the previous Abstract. The following is a marked-up version of the Abstract:

A [method] myostatin immunoconjugate and its use to alter the phenotype of animals, e.g., avians, [which employs passive and active immunization] is provided.

In the Claims

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Pending Claims" for the previously pending claim set. Specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked-up set of claims.

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A myostatin immunoconjugate comprising a [full length] mature form of vertebrate myostatin polypeptide linked to a carrier.